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Vom Schreibtisch des Board of Directors

At the time of publication, we did not have the results of the election from the October meeting. Please check your December Echo for all the details.

Take Note: November 11, has been CANCELED! Watch the Echo, web page and phone, for updates on Karneval and all scheduled events. All dances throughout the winter season are **MEMBERS and their invited guests ONLY** at this point.

Note: Our dances are subject to change with the weather. If it's snowing, or icy, please check our web site, after 1:00 pm on the day of the event, to see if there have been any cancellations or changes to the schedule. If you are part of an activity group, check with the group leader before going out. We update the phone line, Facebook page, web site and of course, you can also call a board member.

T.E.V. Edelweiss Board of Directors

**Karneval Opening/
 Veteran's Dance
 Canceled!**

We are now on the Gunter Auerbach show. Over the air (antenna tv) at 23.6 on Sunday from 12-3 pm.

Or listen online anytime at www.grtvd.com





Traditions of Germany

People in Germany have been celebrating a form of Karneval since the Middle Ages. But even before that, people performed heathen rituals at this time of year to celebrate the end of winter.

During Roman times, for instance, people along the Rhine celebrated a festival in honor of their wine god Dionysos in spring - a feast with much drinking and laughing, a feast during which people had complete freedom to criticize authorities without fear of repercussions for a few days. Some of that tradition still lives on today.

Night before the fast

When regions along the Rhine were christianized, the heathen festival was integrated into the official church calendar and developed into what later became known as Karneval.

The celebration takes place six weeks before Easter, just before the period of fasting or Lent begins. In fact, the original name still used in parts of the German speaking world, "Fastnacht" (night before the fast), reveals these early Christian origins.

The 40 days leading up to Easter were intended as a quiet, reflective time. According to the church, people should abstain from heavy eating and drinking during Lent as a way to remember the suffering and death of Jesus Christ.

Living it up

But before these sobering weeks began, many of the Christians wanted to enjoy themselves and live it up one last time.

Eating and drinking, rowdy behavior and indulging in the pleasures of the flesh were all considered a part of preparing oneself for the fast, a sort of purging the body through partying.

In fact, this is where the name "Karneval" comes from: carnis is Latin for 'flesh'.

Party with the blessing of the church

Although it may seem surprising, the Catholic Church actually tolerated this wild behavior, regarding it as a compromise for the piety that was expected in the weeks prior to Easter.

And it's due to this tradition that Karneval today is mostly celebrated in the Catholic regions of Germany: along the river Rhine in cities like Mainz, Cologne and Düsseldorf.

Nothing is as it was

Since its early beginnings Karneval and its equivalents of Fastnacht and Fasching was a period when the world was turned upside down.

The normal order of things was reversed: Drunkenness and partying were suddenly acceptable, the figure of the fool or clown was respected, and the nobility was openly satirized.

The simple craftsmen and workers rose to the position of prince in their guilds and paraded through the streets in hand-sewn robes showering bystanders with food and wine instead of golden coins.

And as in the Venetian masquerades, people on the streets hid their real identity behind masks and costumes, some elegant others witty. For just a few days the topsy-turvy world of Karneval was normality.

Making fun of the Prussians

Karneval was institutionalized in the early 19th Century, when the Prussians governed the regions along the Rhine.

During Karneval, people in the region dressed up in the uniforms of Prussian soldiers as a form of protest and satire of the Prussian rulers.

This tradition has been passed down to the contemporary Karneval clubs, many of which have their own "regiment" and military banners complete with marching bands and powdered wigs.

(courtesy of DW.com)



KING SOOPERS CARDS CONTINUE!!!



The Schuhplattler youth are continuing a great fundraiser and are asking for



your help. We are raising money in preparation for hosting the 2018 D'Ammertaler Diessen/Edelweiss Denver Schuhplattler Jugend Austausch (youth exchange). The biennial youth exchange between D'Ammertaler Diessen and TEV Edelweiss Denver (Double "D" Trachtenvereine) has become a highlight for the youth in both clubs. It has been taking place for decades with hosting duties alternating between the two clubs.

The event typically takes place in August as both groups try to work around the school year end in Bavaria and staggered school year starts in Denver. This is not always easy, but we try to make it work. To be sure the favorite parts of exchanges on either side of the pond are the times where both groups Schuhplattl together. Whether it's a dance both groups know or one group is teaching the other, those moments are savored by all. The last exchange in Denver, had the groups dancing in the chilly, thin air at the top of Pikes Peak! No lederhosen, no accordion, just plattling in jeans and shorts to the loud and hearty singing of "la la la" to the standard melody. (What we lacked in vocal quality we made up for in volume!) While hosting duties in 2018 fall to Edelweiss Denver and the visiting Diesseners will be housed with Denver host families, the costs associated with the program (transportation, ticket entries, etc.) can be daunting. In order to host a successful Austausch, the Schuhplattlers are beginning fundraising efforts early! We have chosen to continue using King Soopers grocery cards as our fundraiser of choice for this event. Grocery cards may be used to purchase virtually anything at King Soopers including gas. (We have used these cards to purchase food, gas, prescriptions and even ski lift tickets.) The cards come loaded with \$2.50 on them. You may load up to \$500 at a time. Cards can be used indefinitely as long as a balance remains on the card. The youth exchange earns 5% of amounts loaded on the cards. If you



shop at King Soopers and are interested in helping our Schuhplattler youth host Diessen the summer of 2018 or have questions about the program, please contact a Schuhplattler. We have plenty of stories to tell about the mostly recently completed exchange when we traveled to Diessen this past summer! We will have cards at upcoming club events but will be happy to make arrangements to get you a card at other times! You can contact Terry Jenson or one of the other Plattlers to get your card. Danke schön!



Edelweiss Karnevals Gesellschaft

The opening of Karneval has been canceled. At this time, we don't have anything else planned for this year. All members are welcome to attend our next meeting to help with planning of next year.
Helau!

Let me help you find your dream home

by listening to your needs and getting you through the entire process! Whether you are buying or selling, I'm here to help you make your experience a positive one!

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Schuhplattler News...

October was the wrap up to a very fun and busy Oktoberfest season. We finished up with our last Oktoberfest in Louisville. It was a fun event and we were very well received by the crowd. There were some fun games that we enjoyed as a group after, including Big Wheels for big kids... as well as some ice cream after the show. We had a successful season and our houses and pets are looking forward to us being home more!

It was fun to see everyone up at Schlachtfest in Morrison. Quite a few past Schuhplattlers joined us on the new dance floor for our inaugural performance on it! Thank you to the chefs who served delicious meals to the crowd in attendance. The smoked pork was amazing! We are just loving our new permanent home and want to send a big thank you to Ron Stierle and Don Campbell for all their hard work. The new dance floor is wonderful!!

The Schuhplattlers held elections in October. Here's a list of the new officers. I. Vorplattler—Jeff Jenssen, II. Vorplattler—Adam Taylor, 1. Vordirndl—Terry Jenssen, II. Vordirndl—Juliana Jenssen, Schriftführer—Robin Lohre, Schatzmeister—Juliana Jenssen, and Inventar—Debbie Christensen. A big "Thank you!" to Aana Rase for her hard work as the previous II.Vordirndl!

Plans are underway for the 2018 Jugend Austausch. Our Plattler youth are looking forward to hosting their counterparts from Diessen next August. Not only will we be hosting a dozen Dießener youth, our club will be hosting another 28 Dießeners who will be coming to help TEV Edelweiss celebrate its 60th anniversary!

Speaking of the Dießeners—they just competed in the Huosigau Schuhplattling competition. They were amazing! Here are the results:

Men's 16-29:

4th—Ludwig Schranner
6th—Wolfgang Huber
13th—Stephan Hinterbichler
14th—Martin Hinterbichler

Men's 30-49:

1st—Magnus Kaindl
2nd—Florian Vief
6th—Stefan Scheidl

Men's 50-60:

4th—Albert Hinterbichler

Men's Ehrenklasse:

1st—Josef Kaindl

Women's 16-29:

3rd—Regina Hinterbichler
5th—Melanie Schranner
8th—Nadja Lindner
14th—Marlene Bartos

Women's 30-49:

1st—Maria Eichberg
2nd—Sandra Sieber
5th—Vroni Vief

Gruppen:

1st—Dießen 2
3rd—Dießen 1

Happy November Birthday to—

11/2 Kimmie Ledford
11/7 Michael Schaf
11/4 Brandon Saratella
11/14 Brenda Wright
11/29 Otto Gorner



Children's Christmas Program

We are putting a children's Christmas program together to be held in December. If you have a child, and are interested please contact me asap for a rehearsal schedule.

Lis Lane
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Senior Citizens- Top of the Hill

We are happy to have a wonderful fall.

I would like to know if any of our seniors are sick, or have happy news to share. If you have something you would like published in the Echo, or announced at our meeting, please contact me.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family.

Elisabeth Burbach



For Rent

We are turning our pavilion into a clubhouse, but it is still up for rent. Now available for graduations, birthday parties, family reunions and more.

Located just outside of Morrison and minutes from Denver, we have the perfect spot for your next event. We have several packages to choose from.

For more information, call Lisa Wheeler, our rentals manager at 720-839-1276

November 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12		14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22		24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

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